

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2005. Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19-22 and 24-33 are currently pending, of which, claims 1 and 17 have been amended, claims 9, 15, 18 and 23 have been previously cancelled and claims 31-33 have been previously added. Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The examiners indication of the allowability of claims 12-14, 15, 17, 19, 22 and 24-26 is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Since only claims 2-8, 10 and 11 depend from claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that only these claims are intended by the Examiner to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and that the remaining claims, namely, claims 12-14, 15, 17, 19, 22 and 24-26, are actually allowable, as indicated in the outstanding Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 has been amended herein in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, in view of the amendment made to claim 1 herein, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

Since claims 2-8, 10 and 11 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1, and contain all of the features of claim 1, upon the patentability of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the

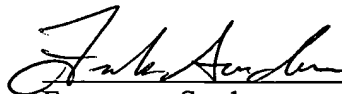
rejection of claims 2-8, 10 and 11, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome and that the patentability of claims 2-8, 10 and 11 has been established.

In view of the amendments made to the claims and in view of the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that each of the rejections of the claims in the present Office Action has been overcome.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19-22 and 24-33 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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